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Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA
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Dear General Walters:

The 53d Class of the Armed Forces Staff College began on 5 February, and I sincerely hope that you will join us again and make another presentation on the National Intelligence Community. Your visit here last class was an outstanding contribution to our course of study.

Your lecture on the National Intelligence Community is a key segment of our curriculum, since an officer needs a firm understanding of the role intelligence plays in the national security process in order to plan and organize large scale joint and combined operations.

There are several areas that will be of special interest to the student body. First consideration is the mission and capability of the U. S. intelligence community. If this can be accomplished by placing the present structure and status in historical perspective to basic national law and to World War II intelligence capability, a more complete understanding will be achieved. The relationship among DCI, DIA, and NSA and other elements of the intelligence community are important matters to the students.

The contribution of the intelligence community to the national policy-making process and its role in overseas operations will also be of special interest. A discussion of collection capabilities and limitations will serve to complete the picture of U. S. intelligence at the national level. Some brief examples of specific information gained through overseas operations or through visits to this country by foreign national leaders will add interest and support the confidence military officers have in our intelligence

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capability. For example, what did we learn from or about the personal habits, health, or goals of such leaders as Castro, Khrushchev, or other more recent visitors - friend or foe?

We have tentatively set aside 26 March, and the auditorium procedures will be as they were for your last appearance: a lecture beginning at 1000 of approximately 45 minutes and a short break followed by a 45-minute question period. Afterwards I hope you can join me for lunch with a few faculty members and students.

I look forward to seeing you again and welcoming you back to the College.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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Major General, USAF
Commandant

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memo for record:

General Walters was out of town on proposed date. Mr. Paul Walsh agreed to speak in his place, but AFSC called back to say they appreciated his being made available, however, they had had to rearrange their schedule and therefore asked that this be held in abeyance. Visitor's Speaker's Bureau said they would contact us when their next class began in the fall.

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